

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants : Jun Watanabe, et al.  
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METHOD  
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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on February 23, 2007, having a three-month statutory period for response set to expire on May 23, 2007, please amend the above-captioned application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 16 of this paper.